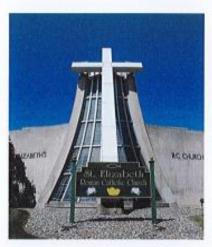
Saint Elizabeth of Hungary Roman Catholic Church

618 Fullerton Ave, Whitehall, PA 18052



Rev. Stanley M. Moczydlowski Pastor

Parish Registration

Roman Catholics living in the parish boundaries should be registered with St. Elizabeth of Hungary. Registration and regular participation at Mass are required for the administration of the Sacraments, Certificate of Eligibility, and attendance in C.Y.O. and P.R.E.P. Please register at the parish office. Registration packets are also located in the church foyer and on the church website.

Sacraments

Reconciliation (Confession) - Saturday 3:30 - 4:15 PM and by appointment.

Baptism - First Sunday of the month. Please contact the parish office early in the pregnancy to begin arrangements. Family must be registered with the parish. Preparation class for parents is held monthly.

Marriage - Engaged couples should contact the parish office at least six months in advance of their proposed wedding in order to set a date with the priest. Either the groom or bride should be a registered parishioner and practicing at St. Elizabeth of Hungary.

RCIA - Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults. Would you like to learn more about the Catholic faith or become Catholic? Please contact the parish office for information and scheduling.

Anointing of the Sick – Hospitals are visited on a regular basis. Please call the parish office to report emergencies.

Godparents & Confirmation Sponsors – You must be registered with the parish, be at least 16 years of age, have received the Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation, must attend Mass regularly and, if married, the marriage must be recognized by the church. All requests for 'Certificate of Eligibility' are to be made well in advance to the parish office.

Mass Schedule

Sunday: 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM Weekdays: 9:00 AM (Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri)

Thursday: 7:00 PM

Saturday: 8:30 AM (1st Saturday Only)

Saturday: 4:30 PM

Holy Days: Consult Bulletin and Website

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



On this feast of the Epiphany, I'd like to focus on one simple phrase from the Gospel. And it is this; "They were overjoyed at seeing the star'.

They were overjoyed. If I asked each of you, 'What draws you to the Catholic faith?', I'm sure I would get many different answers. But how many of us would answer, 'Because it brings me so much joy?'

As you know, one of the hymns we sing many times during the Christmas season is 'Joy to the World'. But do we truly believe it? Do we really expect to be filled with joy; not just at Christmas but continually, each and every day as we make our way on the journey, we call life? And is this joy fleeting, or permanent? Temporary or for always? Given to a few or to all?

I think I know what you might be thinking. It's impossible to always be joyful. Life doesn't work like that. It's too hard. It's too disappointing. It's too heartbreaking at times. And in one sense, you are absolutely right. To be human is sometimes to be angry or fearful or lonely or full of sorrow. And yet, a truly joyful person is one who can face all of those things knowing he or she is not alone, confident that God loves them, will comfort them, and will walk with them through whatever life throws their way. Real joy is not

something that can be taken away by anything from the outside. Rather, it is a product of the God within, the God who is guiding us and leading us and shining light on the path he is inviting us to take.

The Magi were not overjoyed because somehow, they knew that no hardship would ever come their way again. Nor were they overjoyed because they had all the answers or that they had everything figured out. Rather, they were probably overjoyed because they believed they were on the threshold of something wonderful, that the world had new possibilities, and that the journey they had taken was not in vain, but rather had led them to a place of hope and light and meaning and wonder.

That's what God has in store for each of us; not a life devoid of sorrow, but one also full of meaning; not a life without disappointment, but one also full of hope; not a life free from challenges, but one also full of possibilities. In a word, a life full of joy.

Joy to the world, the Lord is come! May each of us let God do the leading and, like the Magi, be overjoyed at what and whom we discover.

God bless you, Fr. Stan

OUR PRAYER INTENTIONS*

If admitted to the hospital or ER, please call the parish if you want a priest to visit or need an Anointing.

Maureen Calder Maribeth Kuhn Joe Samanka
Annette Susko Mckayla Pavie Craig Wilber
Terry Kichline Tim O'Neill Mary Louise Gnall

Chris Schoepflin Iolanda Loffredo



INTENTIONS

The Sanctuary Candle burns this week for Marie Frassinelli requested by Rosemary Macaluso.



The bells will ring this week for the **St. Elizabeth Parishioners for a blessed new year** requested by *Fr. Stan and Fr. Potts*.



9 Days for Life

January 16 – 24, 2024 - 9 Days for Life is a novena for the protection of human life. Each day's intention is accompanied by a short reflection and suggested actions to help build a culture of life.

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PRAYING...as Disciples

LITURGY SACRAMENTS DEVOTIONS

Masses / Services

MONDAY	January 8	9:00 AM	Mary Donovan	
TUESDAY	January 9	9:00 AM	Emily Wentz	
WEDNESDAY JANUARY 10		9:00 AM	Tom Fichter	
THURSDAY	January 11	7:00 PM	Jim Susko	
FRIDAY	January 12	9:00 AM	George & Judy Schwentner	
SATURDAY	January 13	4:30 PM	Theresa Mizenko	
SUNDAY	January 14	8:00 AM	M/M Ludwig Simitz	
		10:00 AM	Joseph Macaluso	

TO THOSE WITH HEALTH CONCERNS



We welcome you to Mass each weekend. If you wish to receive Holy Communion and find it difficult to join the Communion line, please let the usher know and an Extraordinary Minister will bring communion to you. Low gluten hosts are available; prior to Mass go to the sacristy to let the celebrant know so the host can be prepared.

RECONCILIATION / CONFESSION

Reconciliation is available before weekend Masses. Saturday 3:30-4:15, Sunday 7:15-7:45 am, 9:15-9:45 am and by appointment during weekdays.

EMERGENCY and need a priest? Please call 610-266-0695. After hours use ext. 310, the emergency voice mailbox.

RCIA TOPIC THIS WEEK

All are welcome to attend the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (R.C.I.A.) class on Tuesdays each week at 7 pm in the large meeting room on the second floor of the Parish Office.

The topic on January 9th will be Church History & Papacy

ST. ELIZABETH REGIONAL SCHOOL REGISTRATION 2024 - 2025

Registration is open for the 2024 – 2025 school year. We have Pre-K, Kindergarten, and some limited openings in other grades. We will be graduating 24 Eighth Grade students in June 2024. Please keep them in your prayers as they move on to high school.

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THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD – HOUSE BLESSING

According to Austrian theologian *Pius Parsch* "The Lord and ruler is coming; kingship is His, government and power." With these words the Church proclaims that the feast brings to perfect fulfillment all the purposes of Advent. Epiphany, therefore, marks the liturgical



zenith of the Advent-Christmas season. The blessing of homes, on whose lintels are inscribed with blessed chalk the cross of salvation, together with the indication of the year and the initials of the three wise men (20+C+M+B+24), Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar which can also be interpreted to mean *Christus Mansionem*

Melchior and Balthasar which can also be interpreted to mean *Christus Mansionem* Benedicat, (Christ Bless this House)

www.catholiccutlture.org/culture/liturgical/files/epiphanyceremony2024.pdf

DIVORCE/SEPARATION BEREAVEMENT PROGRAM



Divorce is a painful reality for many Catholics. Our Lord wants to heal the wounds of separation/divorce and now there is a class at St. Elizabeth that can help. Starting January 10th, on Wednesdays from 6:30 - 8:00 pm in the parish office upstairs conference room. The

program consists of eleven sessions. Contact the facilitator, Jane Zingelman, for more information at 505-688-8663. You can also call the Parish Office to register.

MANY THANKS

At this time, we would like to thank all the volunteers who make our parish what it is. This week – Our **Collection Counters**

Dave Benner, Peach Bonshak, Jim & Dottie Delbertis, Ann & Joe Frankl, JoAnne Julo, John & Cindy Keglovits, Ann Kern, John Kiefer, Carol Mayernik, and Donna Millan.



SPAGHETTI DINNER SAVE THE DATE!



St. Elizabeth Regional School St. Elizabeth Parish Hall

Saturday, January 27, 2024

Tickets will go on sale the weekend of January 6 - 7.

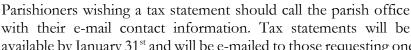
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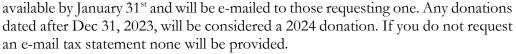


Cooks with Collars will open **January 12**th. Filming has finished and the editing is being done. Soon you will find out what Fr. Stan learned how to make and see the aspiring chefs that helped him.

Cooks Collans It's a secret family recipe!

2023 TAX STATEMENTS







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SACRAMENTS

New to the parish? — Register as a new member to receive Sacraments.

INFANT BAPTISM:

Baptisms are currently being celebrated on the first Sunday of the month. Registered parish members may contact the parish office as soon as they learn that a child is on the way but should contact the parish office at least two months prior to the Baptism to register for the Baptism Class.

FIRST PENANCE / EUCHARIST:

Normally received in 2nd grade. Parish member's enrollment in St. Elizabeth Regional School or Parish Religious Education Program (P.R.E.P) is required for two years before reception.

CONFIRMATION

Normally received in 8th grade. Parish member's enrollment in St. Elizabeth Regional School or Parish Religious Education Program (P.R.E.P) is required for at least two years before reception.

MARRIAGE:

At least six months before your anticipated wedding. Contact the pastor for a meeting to go over information regarding scheduling and the preparation process.

PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK

Contact our parish office for the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick prior to surgery or during serious illness. Holy Communion is brought to the homebound monthly.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS: (R.C.I.A.)

Is Jesus inviting you to join His Church? Do you want to become Catholic? Contact the parish office to learn more about this process. We look forward to journeying in Faith with you.

SCRUMPTIOUS PARISH BREAKFAST!

We will serve our monthly fundraiser Breakfast Buffet on Sunday, January 14th from 8:30 - 11:30 am! Come and fill-up on all your favorites of bacon, sausage, scrambled eggs, home fries, pancakes, French toast sticks, Danish, juice, and coffee - all for only \$10.00/adult and \$5.00/child. Children 3 years and under are free. Treat your favorite snow shoveler! We are incredibly grateful for this month's sponsors: Marie Koutsouros & Irene Snyder. Breakfast Special will be provided by the Spieker Family.







January Breakfast Coupon

Buy two adult breakfasts and get a child breakfast free!

Phantoms vs. Syracuse Crunch – St. Elizabeth CYO Night

Join St. Elizabeth CYO at the Phantoms on February 17th when they host the Syracuse Crunch at 7:05 pm! Discounted tickets purchased by January 19th are \$20 ea. Fundraiser back to St. Elizabeth CYO \$5 on each ticket purchase. Questions contact Brady Dierolf at 484-273-4548.





FELLOWSHIP...as Disciples

Upcoming Community **Events**

God's Favorite

Bethlehem Catholic Theatre invites you to come see "God's Favorite" - Neil Simon's amusing take on The Book of Job. Showtimes: Jan 12 and 13 at 7 pm and Jan 14 at 3 pm in the Becahi Auditorium. Tickets available at the door or online at http://bit.ly/becatheater



Make Stewardship Your Resolution in 2024

Making an estate plan is an act of care for yourself, your loved ones, and your community. By creating your plans, you can outline important financial and healthcare decisions for the future, provide for your loved ones, and ultimately, act as a steward of everything God has placed in your care. Through our new partnership with FreeWill, you can start the new year by completing this important act of care. FreeWill is a secure online platform that can walk you through the process of creating your estate plan — 100% free of cost. Please scan the QR code or visit our website Giving | Roman Catholic Diocese of Allentown (allentowndiocese.org) to begin.

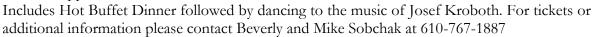


"St. Peter Rocks Out Mardi Gras"

When: Saturday, January 27th

Where: St. Peter Parish Hall, 4 S 5th St, Coplay

Time: 5 - 10 pm Price: \$40 pp





St. Monica Holy Hour – St. Theresa

The Holy Hour will take place at St. Theresa Church, Hellertown at 6:00 pm on Tuesday, January 9. We ask Our Lord's mercy and to invoke the powerful intercession of St. Monica for our fallen-away loved ones. Presiding at the Holy Hour will be Rev. Stephan Isaac, Parochial Vicar at the Cathedral Church of Catharine of Siena, Allentown. Immediately after the Holy Hour, a meeting and book discussion will take place in the rectory. All are welcome, and no registration required. For more information, please email StMonicaMinistry27@gmail.com



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Saint Elizabeth Regional School



Spaghetti Dinner Saturday, January 27th

St. Elizabeth Parish Hall \diamondsuit 435 Pershing Blvd. \diamondsuit Whitehall

Seating Times: 4:00, 5:30, or 7:00 pm

Spaghetti, Meatballs, Salad, Roll, Butter, Drinks & Dessert
Takeout will be available

Advance Tickets

\$13.00 - Adults \$7.00 - Children (5 - 12) under 5 - free

Tickets at the Door

\$15.00 - Adults \$8.00 - Children (5 - 12) under 5 - free



Advance tickets will be sold after all Masses on January 6/7, 13/14, and 20/21 and at the School and Parish Offices

The order form is on the reverse side of this flyer.

Celebrate Catholic Schools Week - January 28 - February 3, 2024



SAINT ELIZABETH REGIONAL SCHOOL SPAGHETTI DINNER



Saturday, January 27, 2024 St. Elizabeth Parish Hall

Seating Times: 4:00, 5:30 or 7:00 PM

Advance tickets: Adult (over age 12) \$13.00

Child (ages 5 - 12) \$ 7.00

(Children under 5 are free)

At the door: Adult (over age 12) \$15.00

Child (ages 5 - 12) \$ 8.00

Please use this form to order your Spaghetti Dinner Tickets. Place the order form and payment in an envelope (marked – *Spaghetti Dinner*) and return them to the school or parish office by January 24th. You may also purchase tickets at the school office, parish office, and after all Masses at St. Elizabeth on the weekends of January 5 /6, 13 / 14 and January 20 / 21.

Everyone is invited, so ask your family and friends if they'd like a night off from cooking and come and spend a wonderful evening of great food and fellowship. What an excellent way to kick off Catholic Schools Week!

We thank Jay Gilbert and Family for sponsoring this dinner; 100% of the proceeds will go to the school.

Name: _		Phone:				
	Number of Adult tickets @	\$13.00 eac	:h			
	Number of Child tickets @	\$ 7.00 eac	:h			
	Number of Children under age 5 attending free					
Circle seating time requested: 4:00 5:30 7:00						
A limited number of tickets will be sold for each seating, so please send your requests in early!						
Please indicate seating request if you plan on having a large group. Also, include the number in the party and <u>name</u> (i.e., Smith family, party of 10)						
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